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SECURITY COUNCIL
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Letter dated 14 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, upon instructions, to transmit herewith the text, in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, of the Declaration of the Non-Aligned Movement, adopted by the Tenth Ministerial Conference, held at Accra from 2 to 7 September 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 19, 21 and 22, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

The Accra Declaration of the Non-Aligned Movement

A world in transition: from diminishing confrontation towards increasing cooperation

1. The Ministerial Conference of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Accra, is a landmark event for our Movement since, at the crossroads of history, it afforded us an opportunity to look back 30 years when the two super-Powers and their allies were on the path of self-destruction, and when the refusal of our member countries to join either bloc helped prevent a major conflagration. As we observe our Movement's thirtieth anniversary, the end of the era of East-West confrontation has thus opened unprecedented new vistas for world peace and cooperation.

2. The principled stand of our Movement and the resolve to resist oppression in spite of the high cost involved have enabled most liberation movements to bring colonialism and foreign political domination and occupation almost to their end. The observance of human rights is becoming universal. The profound transformation of our world has not occurred by accident. The Non-Aligned Movement has contributed its share to these changes, thus vindicating its original purposes. However, apartheid and all other forms of racism are yet to be eradicated, and the world is still not a safe place.

3. Under its umbrella, the Movement has been the source of collective strength for nations which otherwise would have been muted voices on the international scene. It is, therefore, no surprise that it has become the largest political group in history representing the majority of nations. Indeed, the Non-Aligned Movement is today the council of the majority.

4. Founded under different circumstances in a different time, and having withstood the travails and challenges of three decades, the Movement enters the new era reaffirming the continuing relevance of its basic principles, purposes and objectives. At the same time, it recognizes the changed conditions of international life and their potential for a more just and peaceful world.

5. There will be new challenges demanding new strategies. The non-aligned countries stand ready to continue to play a vanguard role. Our Movement, while continuing as an association of independent and sovereign States, will act in such a manner as to offer succour and solidarity to all the downtrodden and deprived of the world.

6. Extraordinary changes have taken place in the relations between the Governments and peoples of the East and West. The long night of East-West confrontation is over. We welcome this and urge new initiatives towards a greater and more meaningful North-South cooperation. The Movement calls for

increased solidarity and is ready to engage the developed world in cooperation in all fields We shall do what such cooperation in fairness requires of us, as we demand the justice and equity to which we are entitled.

7. The Non-Aligned Movement considers the problems of underdevelopment and poverty as among the fundamental sources of conflicts that could threaten international peace and security. Without peace, it is impossible to strive for development, and without the development of the peoples of the developing countries of the world, it is impossible to conceive an honourable, real and valid peace for all. Thus, the focus must now be on the eradication of poverty, hunger, malnutrition and illiteracy. The international community must match its will, determination and resources against these enemies of humanity. In this regard, it is its common task to create mechanisms which would require as much attention to the balance of the human condition as we pay to the balance of payments. The bottom line of development should not be measured only by economic performance.

8. Africa, which represents one fourth of the surface of the earth and, at the turn of the century, will have one fifth of the world population, needs special attention. Sooner or later its monumental problems will affect all humanity. A world ignoring a continent with such extraordinary potential will remain in perpetuity a poorer world.

9. The media is today a fundamental factor in the formation of world public opinion. It should be adequately utilized to develop awareness about mankind's most pressing issues.

10. We, the members of the Non-Aligned Movement, are determined to make South-South cooperation effective. We believe that the South needs to do more to help itself.

11. We remain committed to giving environmental protection high priority. We shall fulfil our due responsibilities together with the industrialized countries on a common international agenda to achieve sustainable development.

12. The Non-Aligned Movement welcomes the growing trend towards democracy and political pluralism. We note the increasing concern for human rights globally and rededicate ourselves to the observance of these rights, reiterating that they can be fully observed only in an environment of economic and social justice.

13. We are convinced that the United Nations constitutes the central forum for the treatment of critical problems that affect humanity. We support its revitalization and democratization which must be based on respect for the principles of the sovereign equality of States, non-intervention in internal affairs and international law.

14. The emerging system of international relations should be rooted in the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and its character truly multilateral.

15. The Non-Aligned Movement, representing the majority of the States and peoples of the world, must have a more important and effective role in the shaping of a new international system, if such a system is to have legitimacy and acceptance.

16. On this thirtieth anniversary of the Movement and looking forward to the Jakarta summit in 1992, this Ministerial Conference commits the Movement to work for a world of diminishing confrontation towards increasing cooperation.